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Application Serial No. 09/364,099) Group Art Unit: 1733
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THE CARCASS STRUCTURE)

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. This Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement ("Statement") is being filed after the events recited in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, an *ex parte Quayle* Action, or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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